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An exchange speaks of the "conscience" of the beef trust. Typographical error, probably.

If the labor unions all over the country would abstain from eating beef for 30 days, as some have already voted to do, a surplus would be the result in short order. It would probably be a more effective than popular form of protest against ruling prices.

It is evident that the railroads of the country, working on the senate through a strong lobby, have succeeded in squelching isthmian canal legislation at this session. The strength and resources resulting from combinations and mergers, added to the Panama sale proposal, was more than the measure could stand, and it has apparently been laid away on the shelf.

At the request of Governor McBride, Attorney General Stratton has looked up the law and is of the opinion that there is no authority for the election of either a governor or lieutenant governor at the next election. Had the opinion rendered by the attorney general been less positive, Governor McBride would have taken the question before the supreme court for determination.

Evidence now in possession of attorneys for the government, which is investigating the beef trust, shows to what extent a large proportion of the American people are in the power of a few packing companies. At St. Louis it developed that each of the firms in the trust bought cattle on only one day in the week, so that there would be no competition and the buying firm could get the steers at its own price. To hold the cattlemen in line they are threatened with the loss of the patronage of the trust, which is the largest buyer, if they sell to any other customer, and they obey orders. This tyrannical way of doing business is deemed eminently just and fair by the modern capitalist. He reasons that he has a right, both legal and moral, to do as he pleases with his own property, and if, by taking advantage of the power placed in his hands by fortunate conditions, he ruins other men, he saves his conscience with the aphorism, "business is business." Curiously enough, the capitalist who uses his power in this way is quite convinced that the boycott, as practiced by labor unions, is unfair and not worthy of Americans, and declares that labor is unreasonable and misuses its power. But the fact remains that, compared with the beef or other trusts, labor is a mild tyrant, although very unreasonable at times.

King of the Exporters. Despite the reduction of nearly \$59,000,000 in the value of exports, due to the shortage in corn available for exportation and the lower price of cotton sent abroad, the United States maintains its position at the head of the world's exporting nations. This is shown by the report of the treasury bureau of statistics for the nine months ending with March. During the period named, and compared with the corresponding period of last year, corn exports fell from 146,000,000 bushels to 24,000,000 bushels, representing \$52,000,000 of the decrease; and cotton, the increased exports of which amounted to 344,000,000 pounds, but valued at \$12,000,000 less on account of lower prices in the world's markets, accounts for the balance with \$5,000,000 to spare. But notwithstanding the reduction of \$59,000,000, the grand total of domestic exports from the United States exceeds that of any other country. In comparison with the United Kingdom the figures of domestic exports for the nine months show: United States, \$1,062,432,158; United Kingdom, \$1,019,466,437. In the list of exporting nations the United States stands first, the United Kingdom second, Germany third, France fourth, Netherlands fifth and British India sixth. On the other hand, the list of importing nations shows that the United Kingdom stands first, Germany second, France third, the United States fourth, Netherlands fifth and Belgium sixth in the relative demands upon the markets of the world.

One especially marked characteristic of the United States, in comparison with that of other countries, is its large excess of exports over imports. Of the 30 countries whose average monthly imports are shown by the bureau of statistics, only 12 show an excess of exports over imports. These 12 countries are Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Egypt, British India, Mexico, Russia, Uruguay and the United States. The average monthly excess of exports over imports in the case of India amounts to about \$9,000,000, and Russia also about \$9,000,000, while that of the entire list of countries which show an excess of exports over the im-

ports (exclusive of the United States) amounts to but \$38,000,000 per month, while for the United States alone the excess of exports over imports is \$42,637,127 per month.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

It is reported that politics entered into the school election at Tekoa, where John MacLeod, republican, was elected director over H. H. Warner, democrat, by 16 majority.

Jesse A. Frye of Whatcom, named for United States district attorney by the president, was a member of the 1899 legislature and voted on every ballot for Senator Foster. He will succeed William R. Gay.

Dr. W. H. Howells of Spokane has been appointed superintendent of the hospital for insane at Medical lake, to take effect June 1.

Speaking of the candidacy of Harold Preston for senator, the Spokesman-Review says: "If he wins it will not be by either money or patronage, for he has neither; but he has a collection of friends who have been in fights before, and who know the ropes."

S. M. Bruce, a prominent Whatcom lawyer, declares that the legislative act creating the temporary places on the supreme court bench now occupied by Justices Hadley and White is unconstitutional, and that three judges instead of one will have to be elected next fall.

Hon. "War Horse Bill" White, a member of the state supreme court, and for 30 years the democratic bulwark of King county, predicts that the republicans will carry the state by a majority of 15,000 and declares that the democrats will not have the hold on the eastern part of the state that they had at the last election. Referring to his own attitude he says: "I am thoroughly disgusted with the course which the democratic members of congress are taking in regard to the Philippine question, and as long as they pursue tactics which they are now displaying I shall use my best efforts to make the Washington delegation republican."

The struggle over Washington patronage goes merrily on, with the prospect that some soiled linen will be washed before the births are all filled. The charges against Clarence W. Ide, nominated by the president for collector of customs, are to be investigated by a subcommittee of the committee on commerce appointed by Senator Frye, chairman. This committee will consist of Senators McMillan of Michigan, Hanna of Ohio, Depew of New York, Martin of Virginia and Mallory of Florida, and was in structured to make a full, fair and impartial hearing of any and all charges, no matter by whom presented. The matter is attracting widespread attention and is said to be the most bitter patronage fight in the United States.

Spokesman-Review: Some of those who have a telephone line running into the railroad lobby are beginning to hint that James J. Hill will reduce agricultural rates in eastern Washington before the election this year. "Mr. Hill has said that the merger will bring about a reduction in rates, and he will prove it," is the word that is going around. A reduction of rates is a consummation devoutly to be wished; but the people of eastern Washington are not looking for sops and railroad hand-outs.

FARMERS WANT TO KNOW.

That the farmers of Whitman county are in earnest in their demand to know where candidates for state and legislative honors stand on the railroad question, is attested by the calling of a mass meeting at the courthouse in Colfax on June 7, at which the several named and unnamed candidates are invited to declare themselves on this proposition. The call follows: "In pursuance of a notice given through the public press that a mass meeting of the farmers and laboring men of Whitman and adjoining counties would be held at Colfax in the near future, at which candidates of all parties for the legislature should be invited to address us on the railroad lobby at Olympia and Governor McBride's efforts to destroy it, the following conclusions have been reached: On Saturday, June 7, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the county courthouse, the signers hereof will assemble in mass meeting to hear what legislative candidates may have to say on this question.

"We feel that the golden opportunity has arrived when the farmer of old Whitman can, with safety, assert his individuality regardless of former party affiliations and demand, and do hereby demand, that every person seeking a place as representative or state senator upon the ticket of any political organization in this county, meet us and unequivocally declare himself on this single proposition. A failure to appear and speak will be taken as proof that he is not with Governor McBride, but for the railroad interests.

"As the interstate commerce commission can materially assist or retard this movement of ours to get needed relief from the extortions of the railroad company, it is especially desirable that Levi Ankeny, Harold Preston and Hon. George Turner, and all other avowed candidates for the United States senate, be with us and give their views of how to control these greedy monopolies. Let there be a full turnout of our people to hear what these gentlemen have to say and then support the men who will best serve our interests."

The call is signed by J. R. Wicks, E. A. Torrance, Ed. Johnson, John A. Lyons, W. M. Lee, Martin Harter, J. M. Mohney, Charles O. Browder, August Miller, John Ertle, H. L. Plummer, J. F. Richardson, J. W. Wiseman, J. H. Ellis, H. F. Scriber, Henry Rock, F. P. McGuire, Walter Davis, C. M. Stilson, R. K. Smith, R. H. Warmoth, A. C. Hemingway and 50 others.

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TACOMA THE PLACE.

September 10 the Date of Republican State Convention.

The republican state central committee met at Tacoma last Saturday and selected September 10 as the date for the state convention, which will be held at Tacoma. The vote was 26 for Tacoma to 8 for Spokane. Adams and Chelan were the only counties not represented at the meeting.

The only fight was over the apportionment, three plans being submitted. One was to take the vote for Cosgrove, presidential elector, as the basis; another the vote of Frink for governor, and the third to strike an average on the congressional vote. The proposal to use Frink's vote, opposed by the larger counties because it would reduce their representation, carried by a vote of 22 to 12, and the convention will consist of 571 delegates, or 77 less than it would have been had the electoral vote proposition prevailed. The apportionment is one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction cast for Frink, and two delegates at large for each county, which gives representation as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Frink, Delegates. Includes entries for Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Chehalis, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Waiilatup, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman, Yakima, Total.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

The house public timber lands committee authorized a favorable report on the bill amending the existing law providing that timber procured or sold from forest reserves shall not be used outside of the state or territory. The amendment provides that in the discretion of the secretary of interior he may permit the use of timber elsewhere. If it becomes a law it will apply to Priest river reserve in Idaho.

Senator Hoar has introduced a new isthmian canal bill, leaving to the president the selection of a route and power to act in other matters. The house on Saturday passed the bill extending the time for three years for completion of the Clearwater Valley railway, a branch of the O. R. & N., under the law giving them right of way across the Nez Perce Indian reservation. The bill has passed the senate.

In reporting the fortifications appropriation bill the senate committee on military affairs struck out the amendment inserted in the house by Congressman Cushman, paying \$50,000 to the widow of Dr. Hiram Tuttle of Tacoma for exclusive use of his invention, explosive thorite.

A bill for the sale of sites for industrial plants in the Indian territory passed the senate.

The senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 and authorizing the president to cause the same to be expended in purchasing provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessities, as he shall deem advisable and tender the same in the name of the government of the United States to the government of France for the relief of citizens who have suffered by the late earthquake in the islands of the French West Indies. Necessary steamships belonging to the United States are to be used to carry the purpose of the bill into effect. The bill was also passed by the house.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Eugene F. Ware of Kansas as commissioner of pensions.

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